

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-3, 5-17 and 19-23. Claims 17 and 19-21 have been cancelled. The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of Claims 1-3, 5-16, 22 and 23.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In paragraph 3, Claims 17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 17 and 19-21 have been cancelled. Accordingly, a discussion of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 is rendered moot at this time.

CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully agree with the Office Action's statement that Claims 1-3, 5-16, 22 and 23 are allowable.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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